EXHIBIT A

Cause No. 2015-CI-14530 Adel Saeed v. Michael L. Dale and Running Cool Express, LLC 45th Judicial District, Bexar County Texas

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CAUSE NO. 2015CI14530

ADEL SAEED,	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
PLAINTIFF;	
v.	45TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
MICHAEL L. DALE, RUNNING COOL EXPRESS, LLC;	
DEFENDANTS.	OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION & REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURES

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, Adel Saeed ("Saeed" or "Plaintiff"), and files this Original Petition and Request for Disclosures complaining of Michael L. Dale ("Defendant Dale") and Running Cool Express, LLC ("Defendant RCE") (collectively "Defendants") for causes of action set forth herein, and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

SUMMARY

1. On September 11, 2013, Plaintiff was traveling northbound on the Interstate Highway 35 in the center lane. Defendant Dale, who was an employee or agent of Defendant RCE and acting on its behalf at this time, was driving a semi-truck located in the far left lane. Defendant Dale attempted to make a right lane change into the center lane and, in so doing, hit the back left-side of Plaintiff's vehicle causing it to spin out of control and skid off the side of the highway. As a result of Defendant Dale's conduct, Plaintiff has suffered severe injuries to his health, strength, and well-being and, thus, incurred extensive damages.

DISCOVERY LEVEL

2. Discovery should be conducted under Discovery Control Plan-Level 2, pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 190.3.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff is an individual with an address of 9914 W. Military Dr., Apt. #316, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas 78251.
- 4. Defendant Dale is a non-resident individual, who was at all relevant times doing business in the state of Texas, but has not designated or maintained an agent for service of process. A copy of the citation and the petition should be mailed by the Secretary of State of Texas to this defendant at 4058 9th St., Wayland, Michigan 49348. Service is hereby requested.
- 5. Defendant RCE is a foreign limited liability company that is required by law to maintain an agent for service of process but has failed to do so. \For this reason, citation should be served on the Secretary of State of Texas under Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code section 17.044(a)(1). A copy of the citation and the petition should be mailed by the Secretary of state of Texas to this defendant at 2479 E 650 N, Fremont, Indiana 46737. Service is hereby requested

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. The District Courts of Bexar County, Texas have jurisdiction over this case. The amount in controversy exceeds the minimal jurisdictional limits of this Court as damages are estimated to be in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The exercise of this Court's jurisdiction over the Defendants is, therefore, proper.
- 7. The subject matter of this suit arose in Bexar County, where all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred. Accordingly, venue is proper in Bexar County, Texas pursuant to Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 15.002(a)(1).

BACKGROUND FACTS

- 8. On September 11, 2013, Plaintiff was driving northbound on the Interstate Highway 35 (the "*I-35*") in the center lane. The I-35 northbound consists of three (3) lanes.
- 9. At this same time, Defendant Dale was driving northbound on the I-35 in the left lane. Defendant Dale was operating a semi-truck hauling wood beams and cable dividers for his employer, Defendant RCE. Thus, at all times during the material facts herein alleged, Defendant Dale was acting on behalf of Defendant RCE.
- 10. Defendant Dale attempted to make a right lane change into the center lane and ran into the left back-quarter panel of Plaintiff's vehicle Plaintiff's vehicle spun out of control and skidded off the right side of the I-35 onto the grass (the "Accident").
- 11. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Dale's conduct, Plaintiff suffered injuries to his health, strength, and well-being. These injuries caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff mental and physical pain and suffering in general damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 12. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Dale's conduct, Plaintiff had to employ physicians and other health care providers to examine, treat, and care for his injuries. As a result, Plaintiff incurred medical and incidental expenses that constitute damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 13. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Dale's conduct, Plaintiff has been required to consult and hire an attorney, incurring attorney's fees and costs to bring this action.

CAUSES OF ACTION

A. Negligence: Against Defendants

- 14. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs by reference as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 15. Defendant Dale owed a duty to Plaintiff to exercise reasonable care to keep a careful lookout while operating the semi-truck in a safe and reasonable manner.

- 16. Defendant Dale breached this duty owed to Plaintiff by negligently merging into the center lane without a sufficient space to do so and thus hitting Plaintiff's car.
- 17. As a result of Defendant Dale's conduct in negligently making a right lane change into the center lane, in breach of the duty owed by Defendant Dale to Plaintiff, Defendant Dale's vehicle struck Plaintiff's vehicle causing Plaintiff's vehicle to spin out of control and skid off the right side of I-35.
- 18. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Dale's conduct, Plaintiff suffered injuries to his health, strength, and well-being. These injuries caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff mental and physical pain and suffering in general damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 19. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Dale's conduct, Plaintiff had to employ physicians and other health care providers to examine, treat, and care for his injuries. As a result, Plaintiff incurred medical and incidental expenses that constitute damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 20. At all times material hereto, Defendant Dale was an actual employee of, or agent for, Defendant RCE. During the Accident, Defendant Dale was acting on behalf of his employer, Defendant RCE. Thus, Defendant RCE is vicariously liable for the negligent actions of Defendant Dale and the subsequent damages caused to Plaintiff, as set forth above, under the doctrine of respondeat superior.

B. Negligence Per Se: Against Defendants

- 21. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs by reference as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 22. The actions of Defendant Dale mentioned herein violated the traffic laws of Bexar County and the State of Texas, thus constituting negligence *per se*.

- 23. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Dale's conduct, Plaintiff suffered injuries to his health, strength, and well-being. These injuries caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff mental and physical pain and suffering in general damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 24. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing negligence, Plaintiff had to employ physicians and other health care providers to examine, treat, and care for his injuries. As a result, Plaintiff incurred medical and incidental expenses that constitute damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 25. At all times material hereto, Defendant Dale was an actual employee of, or agent for, Defendant RCE. During the Accident, Defendant Dale was acting on behalf of his employer, Defendant RCE. Thus, Defendant RCE is vicariously liable for the negligent actions of Defendant Dale and the subsequent damages caused to Plaintiff, as set forth above, under the doctrine of respondent superior.

C. Exemplary Damages (Gross Negligence): Against Defendants

- 26. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs by reference as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 27. Plaintiff asserts that Defendant Dale's specific conduct complained of in the above paragraphs and displayed by Defendant Dale was substantially more than ordinary carelessness, inadvertence, or laxity, but rather specifically consisted of gross negligence, as that term is defined by law.
- 28. Plaintiff further shows that the negligent acts and/or omissions in question were the result of conscious indifference to the rights, welfare and/or safety of Plaintiff and constituted gross negligence, which was the proximate and direct cause of Plaintiff's injuries.
- 29. In the alternative, Plaintiff would further contend that the acts and/or omission of Defendant Dale involved an extreme degree of risk, considering the probability and magnitude of the potential harm to Plaintiff, and although Defendant Dale had actual, subjective awareness of

the risks involved, he nevertheless proceeded with conscious indifference to the rights, safety and/or welfare of Plaintiff. Such acts were a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries.

30. For this gross negligence, Plaintiff specifically pleads for the recovery of exemplary damages purusant to Section 41.003 of the Texas Civel Practice and Remedies Code.

ATTORNEY FEES

31. As a result of Defendant Dale's actions and omissions, Plaintiff has been required to employ the undersigned attorney to file and prosecute this suit. Accordingly, Plaintiff is entitled to receive reasonable attorney fees pursuant to Civil Practice & Remedies Code, Section 38.001, *et seq.*

REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

32. Pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 194, Defendants are requested to disclose on or before fifty (50) days after service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2.

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO TRCP 47

33. Pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 47, Plaintiff seeks monetary relief over \$1,000,000.

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

34. All Conditions Precedent have been performed or have occurred to entitle Plaintiff to judgment against Defendants.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

35. Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial and will tender the requisite fee as required prior to trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that Defendants be cited to appear and answer, and that on final trial Plaintiff has judgment against Defendants as follows:

- a. Actual damages;
- b. Consequential damages;
- c. Statutory damages where applicable;
- d. Exemplary damages where applicable;
- e. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest rate allowed by law;
- f. Judgment for reasonable attorney fees;
- g. Judgment for all costs of court incurred by Plaintiff in bringing this action; and Any other and further relief, special or general, legal or equitable, as Plaintiff may show herself to be justly entitled to receive.

Respectfully Submitted,

SHUMWAY VAN

/s/ Robert Y. Petersen Michael C. Van State Bar No. 24079761 Robert Y. Petersen State Bar No. 24083655 310 S. St. Mary's #2100 San Antonio, Texas 78205 Tel: (210) 503-2800 Fax: (210) 503-2888 michael@shumwayvan.com

robert@shumwayvan.com Attorney for Plaintiff

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT 45th JUDICIAL DISTRICT BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

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Directed To: MICHAEL L DALE

BY SERVING THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF TEXAS

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ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT ON THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D., 2015. **PETITION**

ROBERT Y PETERSEN ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 310 S SAINT MARYS ST 2100 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205-3113



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Defendants.	§	BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

ORIGINAL ANSWER OF DEFENDANT, RUNNING COOL EXPRESS LLC

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Now comes RUNNING COOL EXPRESS LLC, one of the Defendants in the aboveentitled and numbered cause, and files this its Original Answer and for such would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

Defendant denies generally the allegations contained in Plaintiff's Original Petition and asks for a trial of the issues before a jury.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant prays that upon final hearing hereof that Plaintiff recover nothing of and from Defendant and the Court enter a judgment, and that Defendant go hence without day with all costs of court.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVIS, CEDILLO & MENDOZA, INC.

McCombs Plaza, Suite 500 755 E. Mulberry Avenue San Antonio, Texas 78212

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT, RUNNING COOL EXPRESS LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served via electronic service, hand delivery, facsimile, U.S. regular mail, or certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Mr. Michael C. Van Mr. Robert Y. Peterson SHUMWAY VAN 310 S. St. Mary's #2100 San Antonio, Texas 78205 Attorney for Plaintiff

on this 25 day of September, 2015.

RONALD E. MENDOZA